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FLOODING AWARENESS

The City of Norman has experienced near record rainfall over the past few weeks and several more inches of rain are forecast for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. City of Norman officials want to remind citizens to be safe during a flood. Because the ground is currently saturated, just a few minutes of excessive rainfall could cause flooding. Please remember the following flood safety tips:

- Pay attention to weather forecasts for local flash flood watches and alerts.
- If you reside in a flood prone area, before leaving your house turn off all utilities, gas, and electricity at the main switch.
- Do not drive through a flooded area or drive around barricades that indicate the road is closed. More people drown in their cars than in any other location. Remember "Turn Around Don't Drown."
- Do not walk through flowing water and stay away from downed power lines. Currents can be deceptive; 6 inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.

Additional questions may be directed to the Department of Public Works, Mr. Todd McLellan, City of Norman Development Engineer, at (405) 307-7119 or todd.mclellan@normanok.gov.